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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SITREP 34 - 2400 HRS.

1. ON SUBJECT OF RECOGNITION, GUATEMALAN AMBASSADOR SAYS HE  
UNAWARE OF STORY DATED IN GUATEMALA CITY SEPT 12 WHICH APPEARED  
IN SEPT 13 LA TERCERA THAT GOG HAD RECOGNIZED MILITARY JUNTA.  
HE ADDED, HOWEVER, HE HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO COMMUNICATE  
WITH HIS GOVT, AND SINCE GUATEMALA OBSERVES ESTRADA DOCTRINE  
RECOGNITION MAY HAVE TAKEN PLACE. ACCORDING EDUARDO JARA,  
US DESK OFFICER IN FONMIN, BRAZIL HAS TACITLY RECOGNIZED  
NEW GOVT BUT HAS ASKED THAT PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT BE DELAYED  
BECAUSE GOB DOES NOT WANT TO BE FIRST TO RECOGNIZE IT.  
FONMIN PRESS AIDE WILLOUGHBY TOLD PAO THAT ISRAEL,  
VENEZUELA AND MEXICO HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE NEW GOVT  
ON "PROFESSIONAL LEVEL." WILLOUGHBY SAID ARGENTINE AND  
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SPANISH EMBASSIES HAVE DISCUSSED "TECHNICAL QUESTIONS" WITH

NEW GOVT OFFICIALS AND ADDED HE HOPED US WOULD ALSO ESTABLISH CONTACTS AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL.

2. WILLOUGHBY CATEGORICALLY DENIED STORY BASED ON AP REPORT THAT GEN PRATS LEADING ANTI-GOVT FORCES. HE SAID PRATS AT HIS HOME IN SANTIAGO AND PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT TOMORROW WOULD DEAL WITH FOREIGN TRIP WHICH PRATS WOULD SOON BE TAKING. WILLOUGHBY DECLINED TO GIVE FURTHER DETAILS.

3. AGAIN ACCORDING TO WILLOUGHBY, MININTERIOR WILL HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE MORNING SEPT 14 AT WHICH SOVIET AND OTHEV COMMUNIST ARMS WHICH HAVE BEEN CAPTURED WILL BE DISPLAYED. THE MINISTER WILL HAVE QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD.

4. SNIPER FIRE CONTINUES IN DOWNTOWN SANTIAGO. WILLOUGHBY SAYS SOME SHOTS STILL BEING DIRECTED AT MINISTRY OF DEFENSE. HE CLAIMS THAT MOST SNIPERS WHO HAVE BEEN KILLED RECENTLY IN DOWNTOWN AREA HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS FOREIGNERS.

5. MINECON DECLARATIONS: MINECON'S PRIMARY TASK TO REGULARIZE FOOD DISTRIBUTION THROUGH ESTABLISHED RETAIL OUTLETS. MINECON TO BE RECONSTITUTED, EXISTING FOOD DISTRIBUTION CHANNELS (INCLUDING JAPS) ABOLISHED, AND NEW NETWORK, INCLUDING PRIVATE SECTOR MEMBERS, TO BE ESTABLISHED. SPECULATION TO BE PUNISHED "AS IN WARTIME."

6. GIVEN HOURS OF THIS SITREP, IT WILL SERVE AS MIDNIGHT WRAPUP. WE ARE ON WATCH AND WILL REPORT SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS. HOWEVER, PRESENT SITUATION SUGGESTS WE UNLIKELY REPORT FURTHER UNTIL 0600 WRAPUP.  
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